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In re application of:

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A RESIDUAL STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN THE SURFACE OF A PART

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.143

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed December 15, 2000:


Pursuant to 35 USC 121, the Examiner says that restriction to one of the following invention is required:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to burnishing, classified in class 29, subclass 90.1.
- II. Claims 20-25, drawn to a turbine blade, classified in class 416.

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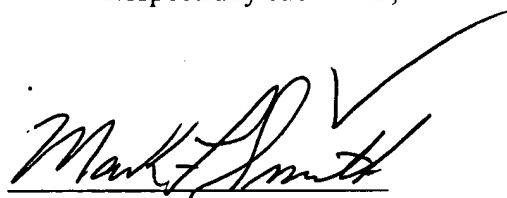
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The Applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention identified as Invention I (Claims 1-19) by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully submits, however, that in conducting a search related to Claims 1 through 19, the Examiner will, by necessity, conduct a search of Invention II for turbine blades and disks made using the method of Invention I. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that Invention I and II subject matter of Claims 1 - 25 be examined together. See MPEP 803 which states

"In the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is encouraged to examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

Respectfully submitted,


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